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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" The relevant portions of the report have already been given in an answer to a question, and copies of this have been circulated to every Member of this House."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know if before resorting to this drastic step of supersession, the Government considered other measures, for instance, whether they could not have dissolved the Council and have elections held again? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Well, Sir, they did consider the question most anxiously, and they have stated the reasons in the Government Order on the subject."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know the reasons that prompted the Government to take this drastic step in view of the fact that they could have resorted to milder measures? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" In view of the resolution tabled on this question, I would ask hon. Members to wait for detailed information till it comes up for discussion."

Suggestions for the rearrangement of the wards of the Kumbakonam Municipality.

* 377 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received from the Secretary, Sri Kamakshi Vilas Reading Room Hall, Kumbakonam, a copy of the resolutions passed at its general body meeting, under the presidentship of Mr. N. Natesa Pattar on 22nd August 1931 and from R. Nagarajan, a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the municipal tax-payers of the fifth ward, Kumbakonam, held on 24th August 1931, urging the Government to modify the new arrangement of wards and suggesting a different arrangement of wards; and

(*b*) what orders the Government have passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Proposal for the abolition of the collection of professional tax by the local bodies.

* 378 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish the collection of profession-tax by local bodies?

A.—There is no such proposal.